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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, MI

SUBJ: MALAWI PETROLEUM IMPORTS

1. UNLIKE MOZAMBIQUE, RHODESIA, AND SOUTH AFRICA, THERE NO INDICATIONS YET OF PETROLEUM RATIONING OR SHORTAGES IN MALAWI. SHELL, TOTAL, AND OIL COMPANY MALAWI (OILCOM) RECEIVE SUPPLIES FROM IRAN, SOUTH AFRICA AND MOZAMBIQUE. TWO AMERICAN DISTRIBUTORS -- MOBIL AND CALTEX - RECEIVE ALL SUPPLIES FROM REFINERIES IN SOUTH AFRICA. AMERICAN COMPANIES EXPECT DECREASE IN SOUTH AFRICAN IMPORTS FROM ARAB COUNTRIES WILL BE PASSED ON IN EQUAL PERCENTAGE. AS PRECAUTIONARY MOVE GOM ALLOWED HEALTHY PRICE INCREASE (\$.03 PER GALLON) NOV 16 IN HOPE THIS WILL CUT DEMAND SUFFICIENTLY TO AVOID RATIONING. REPS OF ALL FIVE OIL COMPANIES ARE DEVELOPING CONTINGENCY PLAN FOLLOWING MEETING WITH GOM OFFICIALS LAST WEEK; IF FURTHER REDUCTIONS CONSUMPTION NECESSARY, FIRST STEP EXPECTED BE BAN ON WEEKEND SALES.

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2. MALAWI 1972 SIGNIFICANT PETROLEUM IMPORTS (UNIT IS MILLIONS

OF IMPERIAL GALLONS):

AVIATION FUELS    IRAN       2.93

GASOLINE,        IRAN       6.65  
                   SOUTH AFRICA 2.92  
                   MOZAMBIQUE 1.25  
                   SAUDI ARABIA .05

KEROSENE:        IRAN       2.36  
                   SOUTH AFRICA 1.40  
                   MOZAMBIQUE .026  
                   SAUDI ARABIA .04

DIESEL FUEL:     IRAN       8.07  
                   SOUTH AFRICA 2.77  
                   MOZAMBIQUE 2.76  
                   SAUDI ARABIA .66

FUEL OIL:        IRAN       .72  
                   SOUTH AFRICA .42  
                   SAUDIA ARABIA .21

LUBRICATING OIL: SOUTH AFRICA .63  
                   PORTUGAL    .09

POL TOTALS:     IRAN       20.73  
                   SOUTH AFRICA 8.14  
                   MOZAMBIQUE 4.27  
                   SAUDI ARABIA .96  
                   PORTUGAL    .09

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